

Appeal Is Made To Workers In Labor Day Message From The Government At Nanking

Danger Of Class Struggles Is Pointed Out And
Need To Advance Welfare Of Nation As
Whole Is Emphasized

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Nanking, April 27.—A Labor Day Message to the laboring classes throughout the country was issued last night by the Publicity Department of the Central Party Headquarters. It explains in detail the danger of class struggles and points out that the only profitable means of raising the status and promoting the welfare of all Chinese workers lies in the emancipation of the country from the woes of Militarism and Feudalism and from the exploitation and oppression of Imperialism and Communism. The workers are advised to seek their own advancement by enhancing the well-being of the nation as a whole instead of creating trouble for themselves and causing inconvenience to the public. Following is a resume of the statement:—

Labor Day, the memorable occasion on which in the year 1886, American workmen in Chicago first started the struggle for their liberation and from which dated the emancipation of the Western laboring classes from the oppression of the Capitalists, is indeed an occasion well-deserving of our commemoration.

In commemorating this occasion, it behoves all our workmen however, firstly to understand fully the special circumstances in which they find themselves in China today and secondly, to make sure of the direction in which they should concentrate their exertions.

In the iron grip of Imperialism and bowed down by poverty and weakness, China occupies today a position not equal even to that of a vassal or "colony" of the Powers. The reason for this degrading position is to be found in the continued existence of the unequal treaties; and the entire masses of the country, especially the workers, should be cognizant of this humiliating position.

It is, therefore, obvious that in order to raise and elevate their own status, our workers must strive for the elevation of the position of the entire nation. Not particularly for the welfare of themselves, but rather, for that of the country as a whole, should our workers carry on their struggle.

We should also realize that, industrially, our country is still far behind. Due to the competition and economic exploitation of foreign capitalists, the handicraft industry have been experiencing

great hard hips. As regards the manufacturing industry, even the so-called employers themselves are groaning under the oppression of foreign Capitalism. Far different are our employers from the Western Capitalists. There does not exist in China, as was clearly pointed out by the late Party Leader (Dr. Sun) any class analogous to the Capitalists in the West. Instead of causing trouble for our so-called "Capitalists," the workmen should give the fullest cooperation and work with them for the promotion of native industries and for the betterment of our material well-being. Unless our workmen realize this and act accordingly, they, together with their employers, will fall prey to the powerful foreign capitalists.

The main object of the Chinese Communists in instigating and inciting class-struggles and industrial strife, for from promoting the well-being of the workmen, is to utilize ignorant laborers to create a reign of terror and to disturb peace and order in the country. Being servile tools of the foreign Bolsheviks, they are forever ready to reap advantages for themselves at the expense of the laborers.

It is, indeed, needless to reiterate that the only way of emancipating our workmen is for them to promote the spirit of cooperation between Capital and Labor for the deliverance of the entire nation from foreign economic and political servitude.

The Kuomintang has always championed the cause of the oppressed people. It has never neglected the welfare of the workers. During the past few years, the Government has directed its efforts towards the abolition of unequal treaties, the restoration of tariff autonomy, the retrocession of foreign concessions and leased territories and, generally, the elevation of the country's status in the family of nations. It has protected home industries, abolished likin, re-organized and re-adjusted taxation and promoted the use of native products. It must be obvious that all these activities of the Government directly and indirectly enhance the prestige of Labor.

In the drafting of various Labor Laws such as the Factory Law, Labor Union Law and the Law for the Settlement of Disputes between Capital and Labor, provisions have been made for the protection of the interests of the workers and every

effort has also been made to promote workers' insurance, cooperative enterprises among workmen and other activities and enterprises calculated to increase the well-being of laborers.

The remnant Militarists have, however, repeatedly enbrolled the country in disastrous civil wars, thereby increasing the sufferings of the workers. They should therefore strive, under the leadership of the Party, for the extermination of Militarism so that the Government may devote itself to National Reconstruction and the betterment of the lot of the workers in particular and the entire people in general.—

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